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FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND EUR, GEORGE VEST, FROM AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: CSCE, OCON

SUBJ: PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF BELGRADE MEETING: ADDENDUM

REFS: (A) BELGRADE 1377; (B) BELGRADE 1372

1. AS REPORTED REF B SWISS DEL (BRUNNER) INTERVENED IN PLENARY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 21 TO SUGGEST THAT DELEGATES QUIT PLAYING GAMES AND THAT CONSIDERATION CONFIDENTIAL

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BE GIVEN TO ADOPTING SHORT, REALISTIC CONCLUDING DOCUMENT ABOUT THREE PAGES IN LENGTH. VORONTSOV EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN SWISS SUGGESTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, USDEL OFFICER MADE STRONG PITCH FOR CONTINUING TO PUSH FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

2. IN PLENARY THIS AFTERNOON, THE ALLIES WILL TABLE

NATO DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT WHICH I WILL INTRODUCE ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR MELBIN OF DENMARK. IT IS CLEAR THAT I HAVE LONG FAVORED INTRODUCTION BY THE ALLIES OF SUCH A SUBSTANTIVE DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

3. AS IS NATURAL AT THIS STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE, THERE ARE MANY RUMORS CIRCULATING ABOUT THE POSITION OF THIS OR THAT DELEGATION REGARDING THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. ONE RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR VORONTSOV TO THE EFFECT THAT HE AND I AGREED UPON A SHORT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT SUCH AS THAT SUGGESTED BY THE SWISS DEL.

4. I SAW VORONTSOV AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S
PLENARY AND ASKED HIM FOR A COPY OF THE DRAFT WE HAD
ALLEGEDLY AGREED UPON. VORONTSOV LAUGHED AND SAID,
OF COURSE THERE WAS NO SUCH DOCUMENT. I ASKED THAT
HE STOP CIRCULATING RUMORS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US
ON A SHORT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT SINCE, DURING OUR CONTACTS
OF LAST WEEKEND,I HAD GIVEN HIM NO ASSURANCES U.S.
WOULD AGREE ON A SHORT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY,
I MET WITH AMBASSADOR PESIC (YUGOSLAVIA) AND RECEIVED
ASSURANCES FROM HIM THAT HE DID NOT ACCEPT VORONTSOV'S
STATEMENT ABOUT OUR ALLEGED AGREEMENT. PESIC ALSO
INDICATED YUGOSLAVS WERE AWAITING REPLY TO TITO LETTER
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TO THE PRESIDENT, STATED NNA'S WOULD SHORTLY INTRODUCE AN NNA DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND SAID YUGOSLAVS WERE TRYING IN VARIOUS WAYS TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY AT THE CONFERENCE. GOLDBERG UNQUOTE VANCE

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